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From: Wayne Hedberg
To: Beth Wondimu, Dennis Frederick, Minerals
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Subject: North Lily Phone call - Tom Gast (Consultant)

On September 22, 1999, I received a call from Tom Gast, mining consultant for North Lily Mining Company. Tom was aware of the meeting that was scheduled today between DOGM and DWQ and wanted to provide some updated information.

He stated that as of last week, they believe that approximately 25% of the pond solution volumes have been evaporated (since DOGM's August 18th inspection). He indicated that this was a visual estimate which did allow for the pond sediment volume left in the ponds. Tom estimates that there is @700,000 gallons of solution left in the ponds. I asked him if they have estimated the volume of solution left in the heap. He said they have not.

Tom said he has asked Beth Wondimu to seek feedback from her management and DOGM if they would be receptive to a land application proposal to further reduce the volume of pond solutions. He believes they can safely reduce the volume by another 1 acre-foot or 500,000 gallons before next spring.

He will formally submit a proposal in writing if the agencies are receptive to same. Tom stated that he would wait to hear back from DWQ after today's meeting.

Tom said that they have been left rather "flat footed" with the folding of North Lily's previous consulting firm that had been working to prepare a closure plan. It was his opinion that there would not be enough time remaining this year to get a new closure plan drafted, reviewed, approved and implemented. He did believe that they could come up with an interim plan to reduce the pond solutions to a safe level this fall. This would see them through until next summer when a final closure plan could be approved and implemented.

Tom stated that certain maintenance items were being performed now including: Removal of some of the sediments that have accumulated in the solution conveyance ditches and the installation of additional "mistifiers" on the heap to help evaporate the pond solutions being recycled. He said they would be willing to come to SLC to sit down and discuss their proposals/plans with the agencies if necessary.

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CC: Mary Ann Wright

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